

In the Claims:

Amend the Clams as follows:

B1  
sub C7  
1. (Amended) Process for the production of surface-finished paper or board ( $B_w$ ), characterized in that an aqueous solution ( $L_w$ ) of a surface-finishing active ingredient ( $W$ ) is applied to a hydrophilic paper or board sheet ( $B$ ),  
in which ( $W$ ) consists of  
( $W_1$ ) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight  $\overline{M}_w$  of  $> 1500$   
or of ( $W_1$ ) and at least one further additive which is a further finishing additive and/or a formulation additive,  
and the paper or board sheet surface-treated with ( $L_w$ ) is fed through smoothing rolls and dried.

B2 sub C7  
3. (Twice Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that ( $L_w$ ) contains at least one non-finishing formulation additive ( $F$ ).

B3 sub C7  
7. (Amended) Surface finishing agent for paper or board which is a solution ( $L_w$ ) as defined in Claim 12, wherein ( $F$ ) is ( $F_1$ ) which is selected from,  
( $F_{11}$ ) antifoams  
and ( $F_{12}$ ) agents for protecting against the damaging effect of microorganisms,  
and with a ( $W_1$ )-content in the range of 0.1 to 20 %.

B4 sub C7  
11. (Twice Amended) Process for the production of graphically processed paper or board by application of at least one graphic ink pattern to a substrate of paper or board, and drying, characterized in that the substrate used for this purpose is surface-finished paper ( $B_w$ ) or surface-finished board ( $B_w$ ) according to Claim 9.

Add new claims 12-14 as follows:

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12. Process according to Claims 1, characterized in that (L<sub>w</sub>) essentially consists of (W) and water and at least one non-finihing formulation additive (F).

13. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W<sub>1</sub>) and at least one further finishing additive.

14. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W<sub>1</sub>) and a formulation additive.

15. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W<sub>1</sub>) and both a further finishing additive and a formulation additive.

16. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the further aditives are selected from finishing additives (W<sub>2</sub>) and (W<sub>3</sub>) and/or formulation additives (W<sub>4</sub>), in which

(W<sub>2</sub>) is at least one dye and/or optical brightener,

(W<sub>3</sub>) is at least one wet strength additive

and (W<sub>4</sub>) is at least one agent for pH adjustment.